**CAMPUS ACTVITIES** 

## Fans cheer Kansas City rapper at sold out show

RAPPER TECH NONE performs in front of his latest album's logo Sept.5 at the Performing Arts Center. The concert, put on by the Student Activities Council, was sold out.



photo by jarod clarke | convergance editor

By Katie Luers Chief Reporter

When Tech N9ne stopped at Northwest between tours he didn't expect the reaction he received.

The concert last Friday night was packed with students yelling out "K-C MO". By the time the show began at 7:30, the crowd was standing and yelling, full of energy for the show.

"When I stepped out on that stage, and I saw everybody stand up, and cheer for me, and it stayed like that from beginning to end. It was just so smooth, and the love was

there all the way," Tech N9ne said. "I in one concert. can't wait to come back."

Northwest students showed as much enthusiasm about the show. "I'm here because it's Tech N9ne!" senior Kyle Hopkins said.

After following Tech N9ne for quite a while, it was the first time Hopkins attended a Tech N9ne

Student Karly Haines from Kansas City expected the concert to be loud and chaotic.

For Tech N9ne, the concert represented completing a goal. It gave him the opportunity to reach people of many different ages and ethnicities

Tech N9ne's goal is to reach out to the entire world, so it was encouraging for him to see such diversity at a concert, he said.

Diversity is not the only thing Tech N9ne looks for in a concert. His music is a continuation of himself and he wants to share his experiences through his music and performance, he said.

The best way to describe his music is "schizophrenic", Tech N9ne

One way Tech N9ne shares his experiences is through a mask that is painted onto his face for every

concert with a different word on the forehead. The mask comes from his early fear of clowns that became an infatuation for him.

"I became what I feared so much, because I admired the mystique," Tech N9ne said.

The words across the forehead of the mask represent whatever Tech None feels at the moment that it is being painted.

For the Northwest concert, the mask read 'real,' the way Tech N9ne felt in Maryville.

"I can't wait to come back," Tech N9ne said. "We were talking about it for two days after."

#### **COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT**

# One mugshot One fingerprint One saved life

High-tech identification program captures crucial genetic and physical information to benefit Amber Alert system

By Chris Lee Community News Editor

MBER ALERT, brings a new meaning to taken to the cops," Baird said. Maryville this weekend

The Missouri Masonic Children's Foundation and sixth Masonic District of Atchison and Nodaway Counties are sponsoring the Missouri Child Identification Program (MOCHIP).

David Baird, Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney said the program has provided the service to more than 50,000 children in Missouri so far. The process takes anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour depending on how many people show up.

This year the program is targeting high school to early college female students, Baird said.

The event will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at the Maryville Community Center located at

1407 N. Country Club Road. All services will be free to all participants. The information the family or student receives at the end of the process is burned onto a mini-CD that is compatible with the AMBER ALERT system. If an incident

ate release into the system. The information used is comprised of the participant's digital photograph, digital fingerprints, vital child infor-

arises, the CD should be given to authorities for immedi-

mation and emergency contacts, a dental bite impression because the fingerprints and DNA won't and two laminated identification cards.

Information gathered from the program is erased from the databanks that day. The person using the program takes everything with them, Baird said.

"You walk away with everything," Baird said. "The only thing that we keep is a release form saying that you voluntarily came in and did this."

Multiple tables will be available to help with the flow

The participant should take the packet back to their residence and let roommates know where it is, Baird said. Another option would be to give it to their parents, even if they live far away. If an incident arises, a nationwide alert is set in place. Any law enforcement agency can take the disc and turn it into the system.

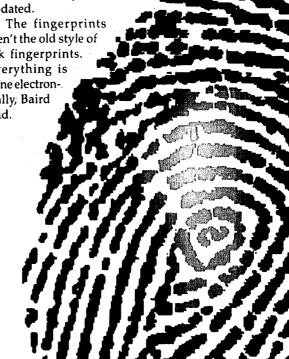
This is the third year the program is offered in the

Officials issued the packets to roughly over 400 children during the first year, Baird said.

"This is the first year that we've really targeted young people, high school and college age," Baird said. "Statistics are telling us that it is the second biggest group."

About every three or four years the program should be updated. If the disc is kept, the process will go faster

change. The photograph and "If an incident arises, the information needs to be bite marks only need to be updated. The fingerprints aren't the old style of ink fingerprints. Everything is done electronically, Baird



#### **UNIVERSITY NEWS**

## Northwest opposes drinking age initiative

By Evan Young Editor in Chief

An effort to consider lowering the national minimum drinking age has piques the interest of more than 100 colleges and universities minus Northwest.

The Amethyst initiative, launched in July by former Middlebury (Vt.) University President John McCardell, is a petition of college presidents and chancellors to get elected officials to rethink - and possibly lower - the current drinking age of 21.

As of press time, the petition boasts 130 signatures, some from presidents of well-known institutions like Duke University, Ohio State University and Johns Hopkins University.

One noticeable absence is Northwest President Dean Hubbard.

"I just don't think there's a chance that it will happen, in spite of what my colleagues are pushing for," Hubbard said. "I've not heard of one state legislature that says 'Wow, not a bad idea.' It won't happen."

Passed in 1984, the National Minimum Drinking Age Act used a 10 percent federal highway fund cut to persuade states that hadn't upped their drinking age to 21 to do so.

Missouri's drinking age has always been

Raising the national drinking age did little to keep minors from consuming alcohol; rather, it has promoted a covert, off-campus, "binge drinking" culture, the initiative argues.

Lowering the age, possibly to 18, would curb excessive drinking habits by enabling campuses to focus on what and how much students drink and not who legally can or can't, support-

"The current law has not prevented alcohol from being available, and drinking is widespread at all American colleges, and at younger ages as well," Duke University President Richard Brodhead said in a statement through Amethyst. "But at colleges and universities, the law does have other effects: it pushes

drinking into hiding, heightening its risks ... and it prevents us from addressing drinking with students as an issue of responsible choice."

Opponents of the initiative, such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving (M.A.D.D.) cite research that indicates the current law has saved thousands of lives from drunk driving accidents and alcohol poisoning.

Lowering the age, opponents say, wouldn't help prevent excessive drinking; it would only make it legal for the minors who do it now.

For Northwest, student binge drinking is a top concern, regardless of age, officials say. But would updating the NMDA Act lead to

#### What is binge drinking?

- · Binge drinking is a pattern of drinking that when men consume five or more drinks, and when women consume four or more drinks, in about two hours.
- Fifty-one percent of binge drinkers are between 18 and 20 years old.
- · Ninety percent of the alcohol consumed by minors is in the form of binge drinks.
- · Each year, drinking by college students, ages 18-24, contributes to an estimated 1,700 student deaths and nearly 600,000 injuries.

(Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Mothers Against Drunk

hurt other people as a result of their addiction. So it's not quite as simple as saying 'Let's just open the gates and

a decrease in student

any sense to me. That's

like saying the solution

to methamphetamine

abuse would be to just

make it legal," Hub-

bard said. "Well if the

only person that gets

hurt through the use of

drugs is the drug user,

then you could say that

solution makes sense.

user is more likely to

"But ... the drug

"It doesn't make

binge drinking?

let everyone participate." What seems to be missing from the initiative's argument is the research that links the drinking age with excessive drinking, Vice

President of Student Affairs Jackie Elliot said. "Can you show me the data or statistics that prove lowering the drinking age to 18 would reduce binge drinking? If you can prove (that) ... then we would certainly reconsider our

stance," Elliot said. Twenty years ago, binge drinking was all but unheard of, because students preferred beer to hard alcohol, which is more conducive to alcohol poisoning, Elliot said. However, liquor

companies "wised up," and today, with tastier mixed drinks on the market, students tend to be unaware of how much hard alcohol they

consume until it's too late.

"The thing that keeps college administrators up at night is getting that phone call that one of our students is in the hospital for alcohol poisoning. Lowering the drinking age ... is not going to stop me from getting those phone calls," Elliot said.

What helps is proper education, Elliot said. Regardless of at what age society thinks children become adults, higher education's goal should be to give students the tools they need to make smart, informed decisions about alcohol consumption, she said.

"We're not saying 'don't drink;' we're saying 'know your body, know your limits," she said. "It takes a lot more energy to educate than to sign a document saying 'lower the drinking age to 18.""

So what do students think?

Student Senate President Abby Freeman was surprised to hear that several senators oppose the initiative.

"A lot of the senators are against it," she said. "They just think it would cause more problems and that there are other ways to solve the binge drinking issue.

"I think that students ... relate to that argument of 'You can vote at 18, go fight for you country at 18, but you can't drink.' I do understand their viewpoint, but I don't think the drinking age should be lowered."

#### **FINANCIAL AID**

## Discount makes student veteran aid more accessible

By Katie Luers Chief Reporter

This trimester it became easier for veterans to continue their college education.

The new Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act gives additional financial assistance to returning veterans by reducing tuition rates.

Senior James Johnson, 30, chose to continue his education after serving eight years in the Marine Corps.

Recently married and in his final year, Johnson will earn his degree with the help

In addition to the G.I. Bill and other veteran benefits, the Returning Hero's Act lowers the tuition rates to \$50 per credit hour. This rate applies to veterans who have

served in combat after Sept. 11, 2001. At first he was skeptical about the act, because of the financial burden on the University, but it has been implemented excellently, Johnson said.

The tuition cap in the act helps to bridge the gap of what the G.I. Bill does

"Missouri's veteran's benefits were very, very poor before this act," Johnson said. "It's safe to say (in the past) you could place Missouri in the bottom few states as far as education benefits for veterans."

The Financial Assistance and Scholarship Office is responsible for calculating financial benefits for each student. When eligible veterans apply, the office first calculates all of their regular financial assistance. The office then subtracts from the

tuition any grants or scholarships the student received. These include the Pell Grant, Bright Flight, a scholarship program for Missouri high school students continuing their education in Missouri and G.I. Bill benefits.

The school then takes this amount and under the new act, pays for the difference between the reduced tuition rate and the \$50 per credit hour.

"This is the first time the state has really stepped in," Financial Assistance Director Del Morley said. Missouri requires each state university

and college to implement the act this fall or next spring. However, the state of Missouri does not

fund this act. Each school is responsible for finding the resources to provide for its veterans. Northwest chose to implement the

"Returning Heroes' Act" this fall, and uses scholarship budgeting to fund the "I don't see it having a huge effect on

the budget overall," Morley said. As the President of the Northwest Stu-

dent Veterans Association, it is Johnson's job to be concerned about the veteran

"When you combine the G.I. Bill with the Missouri Returning Heroes' Education Act, it gives every veteran in the state of Missouri a real legitimate chance to get a college degree," Johnson said.

This act makes Missouri more competitive with veteran benefits, Johnson said.

Many veterans choose to serve, and when they come back they don't have the money for a college education, Johnson

The act gives the veterans a choice for an education other than working an hourly

wage job. "Some of them want to get a college degree, and now they're able to," Johnson

#### **CAMPUS BRIEFS**

## New Valk to open

The official opening of the newly renovated lower level of Valk will be at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday on the lower level of the build-

### Students invited to 'explore majors'

Exploring Majors and Minors is 12:30 to 2 p.m. Tuesday, September 23, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom and Boardroom.

Student and faculty representatives from Northwest's departments will answer students' ques-

The event is free and open to all Northwest students and co-sponsored by Advisement Assistance and Career Services.

For more information, call 562-1250 or 562-1695.

### CatPAWS voting ends tomorrow

Student Senate is holding elections now through tomorrow. Students can vote through the

NwVote Tabe on CatPaws. The candidates are: Brent Ussary for senior class representative, Jeff Drake for non-traditional representative, Aislinn Johnson, Allison Walter, Doug Porter and Justin Ainsworth for off-campus representative, Rachel Rittman, Lindsey Graves, Joseph Barbosa, Kala Roberts, Danielle Macara, Tina Struble, Bryce Stoddard, Garret Gassman and Andrew Maddux for freshman representative, Rachel Rittman, Lindsey Graves, Ioseph Barbosa, Danielle Macaro, Tina Struble, Bryce Stoddard, Garret Gassman, Jonathon Wattnem-Haug and Andrew Maddux for on campus representive.

**ICY LEGACY** 



turist Adam Stone. The pine tree was given a chance to regrow through the summer before being removed this fall.

photo by kelsey dempsey | chief photographe ONE OF THE 78 trees damaged in last winter's ice storm, located near the Gaunt House, is cut down and removed by Horticul-

**FAMILY WEEKEND** 

## A guide to festivities

Residence Hall Association Fall Fest (late

Alumni Awards Banquet, 6 p.m. J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom, reservations required. Juggler Mad Chad Taylor and Magician

Mike Hammer, 8 p.m., Performing Arts Center (sponsored by the Student Activities Council, per game Performing Arts Center). All day: Family Weekend archives display,

B.D. Owens Library, all day. Saturday, Sept. 13

5K Run/Walk/Roll Sponsored by Northwest Athletic Trainers. 6:30 a.m. Lamkin Activity Center circle drive. Race starts at 7 a.m., \$20 entry fee (includes a T-shirt). Pancake breakfast by Chris Cakes, 8:30-10

a.m. Memorial Bell Tower Lawn, \$4. activity is sponsored by the National Panhel-Family Fun Fest, Campus Scavenger Hunt, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Sorority open house, 9 to 11 a.m., Roberta Alumni open house, 9 to 11 a.m., Alumni

second floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union. purchase of a student-priced round).

Bearcat Zone Tailgate, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. College Park, meal costs \$6.

Football, Bearcats vs. Missouri Westerns Griffons, 1 p.m., Bearcat Stadium. The Northwest Family of the Year will be recognized at

Family bowling, 3 to 7 p.m. Bearcat Lanes (South Main Street in Maryville), \$2

All day: fraternity open houses; Family Weekend archives Display at B.D. Owens Golf at Lake Mozingo (free Round of golf for parent with purchase of a student-priced

Saturday night entertainment for families and students: "Get the Price Right," 7 p.m. in Charles Johnson Theater. This game show-like

lenic Conference. Sunday, Sept. 14

Brunch buffet, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., J.W. Jones Student Union, meal cost is \$7.50 All day: Family Weekend archives Dis-

play at B.D. Owens Library; Lake Mozingo Bearcat Bookstore open, 9 a.m.to 4 p.m., golf (free Round of golf for the parent with the

#### **CAMPUS ACTIVITIES**

## Broadway star opens this year's Performing Arts Series

**Shane Sherwood** 

Senior Reporter

"Rent" meets classic rock when Broadway comes to Northwest tonight. Adam Pascal will perform "Broadway State of Mind," a show that includes many

Broadway show tunes and some classic rock songs, at the Performing Arts Center as part of the Encore Series at the University. Encore House Manager Wesley Miller wants the Encore Series to be big this

"The Northwest Encore Series wanted to begin with a bang," Miller said. "We thought Adam Pascal would be the right one to start off the year."

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The reason Pascal was chosen was

"The Encore staff is excited to bring fine arts performance to the University, Adam because we think the Northwest community, students, faculty and the enjoy," Miller said.

Student Brooke O'Donnell thinks Pascal coming to campus is a great thing. "I loved "Rent," and I can't wait to see

be a very good show." While O'Donnell mainly knows Pas-

ing role on the Broadway and film versions won't be a letdown," O'Donnell said. The Encore Series provides the best

"Our Goal through the Encore Series season ticket holders will enjoy their time is to provide an unparalleled experience listening to Adam and his band while where the very best artists create and they perform familiar songs everyone will share knowledge through the arts in order to serve the students, Maryville residents, alumni and visitors of Northwest," Miller

> Valet parking is available this year by donation, Miller said.

because of his musical talents and his lead- anything like he is in "Rent," then I know it ances in "School of Rock" and the film

He will perform songs "One Song Glory" from "Rent," "Maybe This Time" from "Cabaret" and "New York State of Mind," made famous by Billy Joel. Pascal will also perform covers made

famous by The Beatles, Elton John, Billy Joel and Pink Floyd. The show begins at 7 p.m. Ticket sales are steady, Miller said. Ticket prices are \$18

for students and \$20 for the public. Tickets are available either the night of the show at the Performing Arts Center box office, or at the Student Services Desk

For more information about Adam Pascal, check out this month's edition of P.S.

#### him in person," O'Donnell said. "It should the Alternative Spring Break group for a This year Encore season ticket holders ing 562-1212. cal from "Rent," she thinks he is a good will be a part of the Encore festivities. Pascal has performed in "Rent," "Aida" "Pascal has a good voice, and if it is and "Cabaret." He has made film appear-

in the Administration building or by call-

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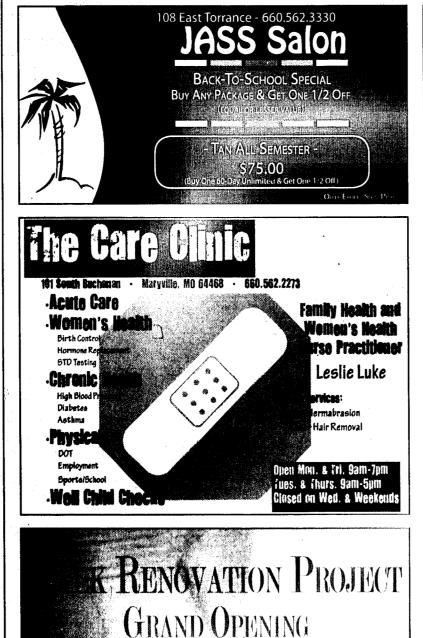
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**PUBLIC COURTS** 



POLICE TAPE SEALS off the Mandarin Chinese restaurant on Dec. 3, 2007 after kitchen worker Alejandro Hernandez was killed. Fellow employee lorge Perez pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter last week in Hernandez's death.

# Mandarin suspect gets 12 years for '07 manslaughter

Awas sentenced to 12 years in prison Sept.

Jorge Perez appeared before the Court for sentencing in connection with his previous plea of guilty to voluntary manslaughter in causing Alejandro Hernandez's death.

Judge Roger Prokes sentenced Perez to 12 years after having previously pled guilty to and which resulted in his death. for probation was The testimony of the state's key witness

was Hernandez initiated the assault at the Mandarin by striking Perez in the stomach filophoto Perez responded by shooting Hernandez. Perez will serve his time in the Depart-

ment of Corrections before being eligible admitting his actions intended to for parole. Perez remained in cuscause physical injury to Hernandez tody of the Nodaway County Sher-

iff's Department until delivered to After the original plea, Perez the Department of Corrections to faced a maximum of 15 years in serve the penitentiary sentence.

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of flooding on the 102 River, Whit-

a forensic anthropologist for study.

time a human skull was found in

#### **ELECTION 2008**

## Commissioner candidates face off

Community News Editor

Bob Westfall of Maryville is up for re-election

for Nodaway North District Commissioner. Westfall was born in Maryville and worked in construction for many years. He said he was always away from home and wanted to stay closer to his roots. His decision to get involved in the Country Commission came as a wish to with him.

benefit his community. Westfall, if re-elected, wishes to continue making the infrastructure better.

"Nodaway County has more bridges and miles of roads than other counties," Westfall

He wants to continue to keep the bridges safe ago to help farmers and rural residents.

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received some help from FEMA," Westfall said. Along with agriculture, Westfall said school and mail routes use the roads and bridges as well, so upkeep is crucial.

As far as family support, Westfall said his family is behind him all the way. His children are Northwest graduates and his grandchildren the road and bridges within the county. enjoy coming to town and walking in parades

"It's a family affair," Westfall said, **Bob Stiens-South District Commission** 

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South District Commission candidate Bob Stiens of Ravenwood, always hoped he would make a successful district commissioner. The farm consists of cattle, corn and soybeans. Stiens opportunity came to him just over four years said his family supports him fully and that he likes what he does

"I really enjoy it," Stiens said. Stiens was appointed by the governor and in

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"We've had a lot of rain and floods and have turn applied. Prior to his commissioner experience, Stiens was a Township Board Member for Stiens hopes to keep his dream alive by get-

ting re-elected for the upcoming term. During his term as a commissioner, Stiens has worked with the other commissioners to improve

"We work really well together," Stiens said. "We agree to disagree when we have to."

Family plays a key role in Stiens life. He has Whittington said. six children, two of which live out of state while the other four live in the area. His wife owns a small business in Marvville while he farms. His 102 River.

responded to the scene.

#### **NODAWAY COUNTY**

## Skull found on 102 River

Chief Reporter

A Kansas State University anthropologist determined that a skull Nodaway County, Whittington found on the 102 River is of early American Indian ancestry.

A person found the skull Aug. 19, while searching for arrowheads along the river, Investigator Sgt. Steve

The skull was found one and a half miles north of Barnard on the

The person immediately reported investigation. the skull to the sheriff's office who

tington said. The county coroner, a Missouri State Patrol officer and anthropologist Mike Finnegan from Kansas State University were all involved in the

The person who found the skull wishes to remain anonymous.



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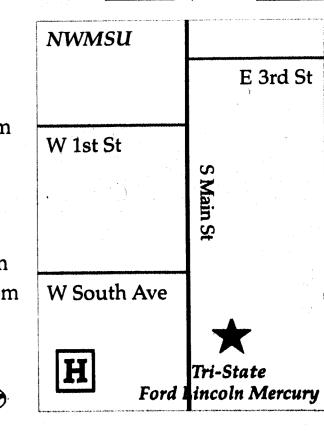
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## **Avoid procrastination** as voter registration deadlines approach

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This begins with voter registration. Many students registered to vote in their hometowns. You can choose to switch your registration to the city of Maryville and many factors will affect your decision.

If you happen to miss the deadline to register to vote in Nodaway County, you may be pleased to know that in Missouri you can request and send in your absentee ballot as late as the Wednesday before the general election. For this election, absentee ballots have to be postmarked Oct 29. Make sure to visit your home state's Web page to find the date in your state.

There are some downsides to voting absentee. It takes time to request the ballot, and most states require a notary's signature. If you choose to switch your registration to Maryville, organizations are ready to assist

Getting registered is as easy as stopping by Maryville City Hall and heading to the county clerk's office. Voter registration forms are available at many locations, such as the post office. iVote will be on the second floor of the Union 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. every day until Friday, Sept. 26. Young Democrats and College Republicans are both holding voter registration drives. The deadline to register to vote in Nodaway County is Oct. 8.

Registering to vote, of course, is only the beginning. Make sure to stay informed on whichever candidate, party or issue has caught your eye. Stop by the Northwest Missourian's Web site, Nwmissourinews. com, and check out our new election page. We will have information on voter registration, deadlines, current news from the campaign trail and more.

You don't need us to tell you how important this election will prove. The next president will appoint Supreme Court judges to the bench. The next president or vice president will break either racial or gender boundaries. The issues range from the Iraq war, Social Security, global warming, education and beyond.

We all have a gift, and that gift is seven weeks and five days to learn more, to get more engaged and more involved. In effect, we all have seven more weeks and five more days to decide how to change the world, all of us together as better citizens. The power is definitely yours.

#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Back in 1994, Missouri voters chose clearly in favor of campaign contribution limits. More than one million Missourians made themselves heard loud and

clear with a majority that amounted to nearly 74 percent.

After an earlier attempt to overrule the voters with a similar bill in 2006, the Missouri General Assembly has removed all campaign contribution

Since Aug. 28 of this year, there is no limit to how much money a candidate can take from lobbyists, businesses, or rich individuals. What's more, candidates can launder the funds through the use of party committees to hide their real source. Money laundering is wrong when crooks do it, and it should be wrong when elected leaders do the same thing.

The General Assembly has told us that our votes no longer count. In the meantime they've opened their pockets to huge amounts of special interest money. It's almost a sure bet that tens of thousands of dollars will be given to some candidate / office holders in exchange for favorable consideration when the General Assembly re-convenes in January.

That's no way to run a country, and it's sure no way to run Missour

Rick Oswald Langdon, Mo.

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MY VIEW

## Similar issue stances could confuse deciding voters

It is interesting to watch politics, especially at the height of the nation's most popular election. There are so many differences between the political parties of this day and age versus the political parties of many decades ago. On the surface, the political parties are set apart with a bold division line.

The recent conventions, however, prove that line's thickness has begun to diminish. Senators Barack Obama and John McCain, while being on opposite ends of the political spectrum, share the same interest in certain areas.

At his Democratic National Conventaxes ... for 95 percent of all working families." foreign oil. During his speech at the Republican National ers' hard-earned wages.

Among the issues of high importance to U.S.

ference is his insistence to drill

who wins in November, natural resources will be intensely used. What's left to decide is whether Americans want to drill until the natural resources

keep taxes low and cut them" where he can. tions. It is imperative for both candidates to have and vote accordingly. Both agree the economy needs a jumpstart – an different views on how to lead the United States, endeavor that usually ends in turmoil of the vot- because too many similarities could confuse base their vote strictly on the political party to

The constant fluctuation of the line between high to vote stubbornly.

citizens is energy indepen- each party's stance on the issues could disturb the dence. Obama stated he will decision making process. Deciding on whom to not drill for more oil, and will vote for is this nation's biggest conflicting deciinstead invest in clean coal sion. If a voter's opinions are not completely set in technology and tapping natural stone, or if they have conflicting views with either reserves. McCain also plans to candidate, they may face challenges in choosing follow this route; the only dif- a president on Election Day.

There is no room for ignorance in the voters' decisions. Each voter needs to closely research The point is, regardless of each candidate; to ensure that they will get the proper representation they long for in the White

The political parties will only become more intertwined as new leaders are elected. New ideas, decisions and problems influence the stance politition speech on Aug. 28, Obama stated he "will cut are abundant enough for independence from cal parties will take. More parties will form, and traditional parties will sway. The only hope for electing a great American leader is to look past Convention on Sept. 5, McCain also said he "will ground was clear during the national conven-stereotypes, research each candidate thoroughly

This is not an election where voters should which they "belong." The stakes are much too

MY VIEW

## Prime minister will overcome minority status

tration of the U.S. relations with Congress, other governments too surprisingly conserfeel the pain of political deadlock vative for Canada,

Canadian Prime Minister, Ste- two, almost three phen Harper, is no exception.

However, unlike the U.S. presifrom the effects of dential system, parliamentary a minority governsystems can, theoretically, fix this ment, which means deadlock. How, you may ask? The he has had to rely answer is a fascinating example more heavily on of using the political power that other parties with belongs to most countries - by other ideals than his dissolving parliament and calling own to form coalifor elections! Exciting stuff, right? tions for support of legislation. (Hint: the correct answer is yes.) I'm sure you can imagine And since Machiavelli is my hero, how messy and difficult this can let's talk about this political power become. the United States is most definitely

Harper, who is has spent the past years suffering

government and prime minister, but also would help to pass whatever legislation the party feels is best.

islators in parliament are normally required to vote on issues by party consensus, and not

election, not only does as the inability to increase his or this victory increase her influence, the inability to gain the legitimacy of the a ministry position in the cabinet, Even though most media, and

people, bash Harper for this election "ploy," I think it is a great exercise of formal power as well Keep in mind leg- as political power to gain what is necessary for not only the leading party, but the people of a nation-

Granted, a completely onenecessarily on their own sided government has the potential ideals or what people to do a fair amount of damage, but back home want. If, however, a remember a government that is legislator in parliament strays from stuck in political deadlock can have this maxim, the legislator would the ability to do the same amount of more than likely have to deal with damage, especially when they are Assuming Harper wins the future political repercussions, such dealing with pertinent issues.

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What was your reaction the Democratic and Republican national conventions?



"It gave me more respect for those running, but it didn't change my mind."



"It really reaffirmed my democratic beliefs. Palin's attack speech did not sway my vote."



change."

"Yes I watched it, but my opinion didn't homework, that I forgot to watch it."





"I wanted to watch because of Palin, to see her views. But she never said how she was actually going to do things, so)I'm still unsure of who to vote for."

**Melissa Gigot** 



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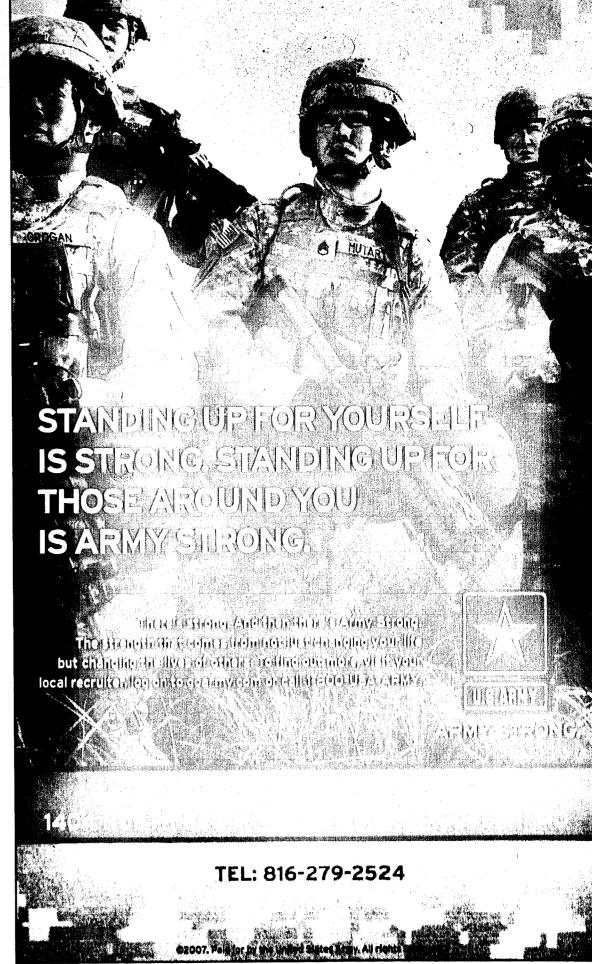
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## Game day for marching band begins long before kickoff

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Project Manager As the Bearcats score a touchdown, he climbs a ladder, closes

his hands and begins swaying them in the air. In an instant, Kyle Dreessen is conducting the Bearcat Marching Band through "Wings of Victory," the University's

He signals them to a lower volume when the team goes for they revert to their original pitch and the music wails throughout

Kickoff for the Bearcat battle between Northwest and Southwest Baptist University was at 6 p.m. Sept. 6, but for the marching band, the day began at 2 p.m. with rehearsal.

"Looking at it from the outside, it looks easy, but there's a lot of behind the scenes work that goes on with it," Dreessen said. Dressed out of uniform, the members gather at Mel Tjeersma Field wearing shorts, T-shirts and tennis shoes:

Gathering on the field, they begin to practice. Standing on a seat in the west side stands of the stadium watching and instructing, Director of Bands Carl Kling sets his right foot onto the railing and leans on his knee. He sets down his binder and pencil and shouts a critique.

"The only issues I saw marching wise, ladies and gentleman, was just a few individual things, most of them being upper body direction posture."

A middle-aged man standing at mid-height bearing a goatee Kling twists his body right to left and demonstrates. "We use a very standardized system, like a lot of marching

bands do," he said. "We utilize the grid iron, the yard lines, the hash marks, the single yard marks up and down the field." Wearing a microphone around the collar of his dark beige the extra point, and as soon as the ball sails through the uprights polo shirt, Kling coaches the group and makes sure each band probably the hardest part, starting them. member follows the planned routine for the upcoming evening

> "They've got a code number, what we call a rank number and their placements are geared to the numbers of measures they play in the music," Kling said. "Whether they're supposed to move forward, whether they're supposed to move backwards, how

many counts. That's all coordinated with the music itself." Down on the field, the band repeats each routine to reach The augmented sounds of famed music group "Earth, Wind

the empty bleachers of the student section, mirroring raindrops

"That's my favorite part," he said. "Just hearing the music

and being able to shape it in different ways." Tall and thin with a bowl haircut and a light Abe Lincoln style beard Dreessen calls himself "the front image of the BMB".

Conducting, is a big responsibility. "Probably the biggest difficulty is tempo," he said. "Just knowing how fast the piece needs to go and getting it as close to that as you can every time. It has to stay consistent and that's

After a 90-minute rehearsal, members take an hour meal break before it's performance time Some go their separate ways to the J.W. Jones Student Union

or local restaurants, but the majority eat in the music room of the said. Olive DeLuce Fine Arts building. Voices buzz around the room as members talk about the upcoming performance and life outside the band. In the back-

ground, drummers tune their instruments. 'There's a sense of pride and tradition and these students are embedded with that," Kling said. "They have an immense P.A. system and Fire" fill the air as members march up and down the field. sense of pride with what the BMB is beyond their membership Taps from the drum line marching in the back row bounce off in the group."

Thirty minutes to showtime they change into their white, green and black uniforms and have a quick meeting.

Kling goes over the game plan, announcements and leads a prayer. They leave the theater and prepare to start the show. Filing out the door, Dreessen gives a high-five to everyone

upon their exit. "Bearcats," he excitedly screams to the group. "Yeah, let's get pumped up."

The smack of the high-fives echo in the doorway. "It's an adrenaline rush," Dreessen said. "Knowing that I am the first person that steps out on that field ... it almost leaves

you speechless.' Blowing his whistle, Dreessen leads the band's parade up College Avenue to the stadium.

"It's the greatest moments in my life up to this point," he Clouds fill the sky and a steady rain begins to fall.

Marching into the stadium with antics and fanfare, the band makes its way around the Herschel Neil Track to the field house under the west side stands. Ten minutes later they're introduced to the fans over the

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the Bearcats

"Northwest Missouri State University and the Department of loss to Benton. Music are proud to present the Musical Pride of Northwest." They rush onto the field and get into position.

"We really turned it around

The 'Hounds' struggles came captain Ion Rogers said.

"We didn't play near as good as we should have," Rogers said. "Individually, we played a good game, but we didn't move the ball as a team, and that was definitely a problem."

Rogers, Kalvan Talmadge and Jack Hanngeler were the three 'Hounds who scored a goal Tuesday night.

Rogers performs at a high level almost every game, Collins said.

On the defensive side of the ball, the game played exactly the The defense started the game

Cardinals into six offside traps in the first half alone. "After halftime, the defense started to look a little more rusty," Collins said. "I couldn't seem to

Dexter Barmann, who played goalie for the 'Hounds, felt he played well, but could have made more saves in the first half.

Barmann said the defense played well but felt the 'Hounds the Cardinals.

plan on approaching the rest of their games with a more grounded attitude, Rogers said.

confident," Rogers said. "They wanted more than us and that's why they won."

The 'Hounds started the Excel-



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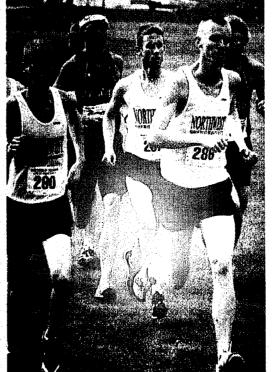
**NW CROSS COUNTRY** 

LED the pack during the Bearcat/

Saturday. The

men placed

10 of the top



By Dustin Sander Assistant Sports Editor

Both Northwest men's and women's cross country were happy with how they started the 2008 season. Saturday morning, the Bearcats women's race, unattached runners mer programs are paying off and of their college career."

Open. The men invited Highland

Community College for the four seconds and Jordan Esry finished mile race, and the women chal- close behind. lenged Highland and Peru State for The 'Cats placed often in both the to do," coach Scott Lorek said. "We the rest of the season, Lorek said. men's and women's contests. Ten of came out hard. This was a great step

line for the men represented North- we're at." west. Unattached runner Matt Pohren

seconds. Pohren is a graduate assis- seconds. Nine more 'Cats crossed the tant for the 'Cats and formerly ran for line following Pursell, including three sell said. "I felt strong and in better

Season opener pleases runners, coaches

On the women's side, the 'Cats new course record at 19 minutes—11 from being where we want to be."

"I'm really pleased; we came out and did everything we wanted

record with a time of 20 minutes—57 runners with a time of 21 minutes—23 signs this weekend, Lorek said.

placed nine runners before Peru races and our returning people were finished. I'm really excited our fresh-State and Highland placed one. In the really solid," Lorek said. "Our summen ran really well for their first race hosted the Bearcat/Spoofhound also took part. Anna O'Brien set a we're about a month or two away

> participate in this season, but the time of 20 minutes—34 seconds. meet was a good measuring stick for

large meets with tougher competition.

"I'm very happy about it," Purshape than last year. I'm really excited "The freshmen ran tremendous about the team and how all the guys

Freshman Angela Adams finished as the women's top performer. The Bearcat/Spoofhound Open Another freshman, Brittany Poole was the smallest meet the 'Cats will finished third. Adams finished with a

Both Lorek and Pursell think the team took a huge step toward success The 'Cats expect competition to in the rest of their season and their the first 11 runners to cross the finish with a small home meet to see where increase once they begin running in hopes of making it to nationals.

The 'Cats take their next step Individually for the 'Cats, T.R. For a small race, Northwest proved toward nationals Sept. 20 at the finished first and set a new course Pursell led the team and all collegiate themselves tough and saw positive Woody Greeno/Nebraska Invitational in Lincoln, Neb.

MHS SOCCER

## Experience lacking in team's 6-3 defeat

By Brian Bosilievac University Sports Editor

The Maryville soccer team did too little too late to prevent a 6-3

After scoring the first goal of the game, the Spoofhounds let the Cardinals take control of the

in the second half," coach Stuart Collins said. "The slow start is just evidence of our youth. As a team made mostly of freshmen and sophomores, we need to mature quickly."

from lack of teamwork, senior

"I was really impressed with Hanngeler's play," Collins said. "He is a 6-foot-four midfielder and opponents really struggle to get around him, which is always fun to watch."

opposite of the offenses day with the defense starting strong and faltering as the game continued. strong, Collins said. Forcing the

get them to continue the offside trap that had worked in the first

struggled to contain the speed of After the loss, the 'Hounds

"We were definitely a little too

sior Springs Tournament yesterday against Warrensburg, but scores were not available at press time. They continue the tournament at 4 p.m., today against St. Joseph



See MADNESS on B2

**NW SOCCER** 



The Northwest soccer team kept Wayne State goalie Rachel Fuchs busy all game. The Bearcats out-shot the Wildcats 27-3 on their way to a 3-1 victory.

## Team owns record win streak

By Christopher Woodland Community Sports Editor

The Northwest soccer team took a major step toward its pre-season goal of becoming the best soccer team in the program's nine-year history last weekend.

The Bearcats (4-0) beat Northeastern (Okla.) State and Wayne State last weekend, 2-0 and 3-1 respectively, to move their school-record win streak to five and continue the best start in school history.

"Having the players that believe they can do that, and the players that want to do that has been key," coach Tracy Hoza said. "You know bringing in players that can do that has

helped too." Junior forward Andrea Tritz has been key for the 'Cats since transferring from Iowa Cen-

tral Community College Against Wayne State, Tritz scored in the 49th minute to become the first Bearcat to score in four consecutive games. She leads Northwest with five goals for the season, and her three game-winning goals are the most by any player

in the MIAA this season. "Last year, in a lot of our games, we actually out-shot our opponents, but we couldn't get the ball in the back of the net," Hoza said. "Now, we have a great option, and she (Tritz) is a lifeline. You know somewhere along the (III.) line she's going to score, and she has a knack

Sophomore midfielder Andrea Freeman a goal in the 36th minute. Sophomore forward Kelsey Sanders added the final score with a goal following a free kick from Holly Raemaker.

Wayne State's goal ended Northwest's

streak of four consecutive shutouts. The 'Cats continue to out-shoot their opponents this year. They out-shot Wayne State 27-3.

They out-shot their first four opponents. This success comes after knee injuries sidelined two starting midfielders, including co-captain Heidi Sobota in the first game of

Sophomore Witney Macken filled in for the injured Sobota and performed well while holding down the middle, Hoza said. The 'Cats early season success could be

crucial heading into a grueling conference

"It gives us a ton of confidence going into conference play," Freeman said. "We're looking to play like we have been these last four games and continue to get our shots and score goals. A lot of our conference teams are pretty good."

The MIAA includes two Top-20 teams. The Bearcats have a few weeks before they contend with No. 6 Nebraska Omaha, but they open conference play tonight at No. 16

Truman swept the two-game series with the 'Cats by a combined score of 5-0 last season.

Truman (4-0) comes into the game outscoring opponents 11-1, and claims victories over No. 9 Central Oklahoma and No. 25 Quincy

The 'Cats follow that game with a trip to Missouri Western on Saturday. Northwest swept the Griffons in 2007. Northwest won opened the scoring against Wayne State with the most recent meeting 1-0 in the game that launched the 'Cats current winning streak.

> The Bearcats play at 4 p.m. today at Truman and at 7 p.m. Saturday in St Joseph.

## O-line lives a life of brotherhood

Senior offensive linemen mix unique personalities

Assistant Sports Editor

Jerseys hang next to the mountain of men that dawn them every week. All four men have different shapes and different sizes but most importantly different styles, of play and of attitude.

The four seniors of the Bearcat offensive line may look the same every Saturday, but any other day of the week, they wear their own uniforms.

"We are very much a brotherhood here on the offensive line," left tackle Reid Kirby said. "It's stuff like that (different personalities), that makes us better."

Unlike an actual brotherhood these four all came from very different places. Center Matt Nelson and Left Guard Tom Pestock both came to Northwest straight out of high school. Nelson grew up watching the 'Cats and joined the team after graduating from Maryville High School in 2004. Tom, Pestock came from Lenexa, Kan. and has been here for five years.

Davis, a 26-year-old senior from Port Neches Texas, attended the University of Houston and played football for three years for the Cougars before becoming

"I had a lot of off the field issues with a wild past that just got out of control," Davis said. "I was actually asked to leave the team. I took a few years off and realized I still wanted to play football and get an education so I came up here."

Kirby also chose a somewhat winding road to 'Cat country. After graduating from Oak Park High School in Kansas City, he went to the University of Kansas on a full ride football scholarship. Kirby was a Jayhawk for one season before leaving Lawrence, Kan. for Maple Woods Community College in Kansas City, Mo.

"I hated playing football at the (Division 1) level; it and get the job done." wasn't for me," Kirby said. "They demanded too much of my time. I ended up paying for school myself, working at Dick's Sporting Goods while going to school. I 2,000-yard season in 2007 and are 13-3 when starting didn't like that so much either, so I had a connection together. here and talked to the coaches and ended up coming up here. I like it 10 times better up here. The other guys are better here, it was a really good fit for me."

With Kirby and Davis' transfers complete and Nelson and Pestock already in place, the table was set for the making of this tight knit unit that would lead the way for the 'Cats.

"They've played together for three years now," coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "I think they bring a lot of confidence. They've been around, they know what to

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(from the left) Matt Nelson, Tom Pestock, Jeremy Davis and Reid Kirby open holes for Northwest running backs every Saturday. expect and what's expected of them, and they go out family man of the offensive line. Davis is married and

ing that time, they led the way for Xavier Omon's of soccer. move to Europe and play soccer" Pestock said. The four linemen say they spend most of their free

time together and think their closeness off the field aids "It's like with brothers and sisters and close relationships like that have good times and bad times,"

Kirby said. "We definitely have our spats, but that's just us being ourselves." The linemen may feel like brothers and a family but none of their personalities are anything alike.

Nelson is laid back and the townie. Davis is the

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has a little girl. Pestock is the mean alterative member Since 2007, all four have started every game. Dur- of this brotherhood. Kirby is laid back and a huge fan "If Kirby could lose a hundred pounds he would

> With this group of giant men their bonds and differences both play huge roles in the success of this team. Their closeness also makes communication during a game much easier. Kirby said it's a lot easier to figure things out on the field rather than have a coach pull

them aside and draw it up on a board. "They're all hard workers," Tjeerdsma said. "They've all overcome some adversity that they've had, it adds a lot that they've worked hard together to VOLLEYBALL

## Weekend tourney gives chance at redemption

By Brian Bosiljevac **University Sports Editor** 

Maybe the Northwest volleyball team can catch week. Hopefully, we can turn a Mets or Yankees game around and come up with this weekend — in between some wins this weekend." matches at the Hilton Garden Inn Invitational of course.

Last weekend, the Bearcats were sent home empty handed from the Missouri Southern Invitational. The 'Cats lost four straight matches by a score of a 3-0 tournament. Potter also tal-

"All of us know that we never want to play like that up from here on out."

Even though the 'Cats couldn't come away with nerves to produce 20 more a victory, a majority of the assists in the 'Cats final match 'Cats' losses were by less than against Dallas Baptist.

"We really need to work last weekend as a learning on our ability to finish," coach experience and starting fresh Anna Tool said. "That has this weekend in New York. been a struggle of ours. We need to take care of the ball, one ball at a time. When (the tition. They will face Bentley scores) are at 20-20, we need (Mass.), Dowling, and Adelto be the team that pushes phi. These teams all qualified ahead and never lets up." In many of the matches nament last season.

held the lead but were unable Invitational starts for the to make a late game push. 'Cats at 4 p.m., Sept.12, in Minimizing errors and Oakdale, N.Y., against Bentplaying till the end are their ley (Mass.). main concerns, Diessner

the 'Cats were tied or even

Tool thinks the only way moments," Diessner said. to stay sharp late in the match is for individual players to level of consistency. We still demand more from them- have a long ways to go. Hope-

"We are definitely disap- York, we will get our consispointed in the losses," fresh-tency going."

hall five times for 36 man Andrea Potter said. "We made a list of what each individual can improve on. So, we are working on those this Despite being shut out, Potter a true freshman, will

SOFTBALL

**FOOTBALL** 

Wyott Maudlin carries

touchdowns Friday.

the ball into the endzone for one of the Spoofhounds' six

probably have good memories of the Missouri Southern Invitational, Potter made her collegiate debut, at setter, in the 'Cats' third match of the lied 27 assists in the loss to Central Oklahoma. "She (Potter) did very

again," junior Sage Diessner well considering we had such said. "We decided that is the terrible passes," Potter said. worst we are ever going to "For being a true freshman, play. So, it is all going to be she is definitely holding her own and doing a good job."

Potter overcame her

The 'Cats plan on using

The Hilton Garden Inn

"So far, I think we have

had our good and our bad

"We still haven't had a good

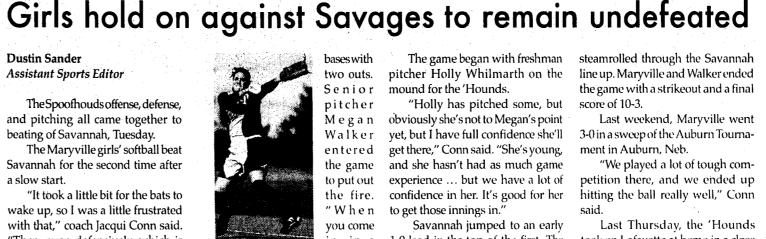
fully, this weekend in New

**Dustin Sander** Assistant Sports Editor While in New York, the The Spoofhouds offense, defense, 'Cats will face tough compeand pitching all came together to beating of Savannah, Tuesday. The Maryville girls' softball beat Savannah for the second time after for the NCAA national tour-

> "It took a little bit for the bats to wake up, so I was a little frustrated with that," coach Jacqui Conn said. "Then, even defensively, which is one of our biggest strengths, the first innings were just a little bit sloppy. Eventually, they did wake up I is was pleased with that, better late

a slow start.

than never." The game didn't end up being close, but the Savages did make the game interesting in the top of the make the score 5-2, then loaded the next eight batters.



SPOOFHOUNDS

in, in a PITCHER MEGAN WALKER pitches like that,

been in situations when I've been more nervous than that."

After giving up one run on a past

The game began with freshman steamrolled through the Savannah pitcher Holly Whilmarth on the line up. Maryville and Walker ended mound for the 'Hounds. "Holly has pitched some, but score of 10-3. Megan obviously she's not to Megan's point Last weekend, Maryville went

Walker yet, but I have full confidence she'll 3-0 in a sweep of the Auburn Tournaentered getthere," Conn said. "She's young, the game and she hasn't had as much game to put out experience ... but we have a lot of the fire. confidence in her. It's good for her "When to get those innings in."

Christopher Woodland

Community Sports Editor

The Maryville Spoofhounds

matchup with Benton (2-0) on the

heels of a 42-7 manhandling of St.

and Adam Mattson, the 'Hounds

scored three times on plays longer

than 60 yards to take a 35-0 lead late

plays like that, I don't care if we lose

quarterback Bryston Williams

attempted to jump-start the Fight-

in terms of time of possession."

in the second quarter.

before halftime.

(2-0) move into their homecoming third quarter.

Holt said. "If we can keep getting big eight carries.

1-0 lead in the top of the first. The 'Hounds responded in the bottom of the second inning to tie the game you're 1-1. Then, in the bottom of the third, always a little nervous. But I guess the 'Hounds put up four runs taking it wasn't bad," Walker said. "I've advantage of faulty defense by the Savages and a home run by sophomore Taylor Gadbois.

The 'Hounds used small ball

the game with a strikeout and a final

"We played a lot of tough competition there, and we ended up hitting the ball really well," Conn

Savannah jumped to an early Last Thursday, the 'Hounds took on Lafayette at home in a close 1-0 bout. The 'Hounds pulled out a victory in the last inning after both pitchers threw no-hitters going into the last inning. Walker was only one error away from a perfect game

against the Irish.

The 'Hounds remain undefeated at 7-0 this season. They will take fourth. Savannah scored one run to ball, Walker cruised striking out the to add the rest of their runs in the on Benton at 5 p.m. today, in St. bottom of the fourth while Walker Joseph

"I actually wanted Zeke (Win-front and their linebackers are vet-win."

Rushing attack makes way for blow-out victory

Both Mattson and Farmer ran for

more than 100-yards for the second

28-yard run with just less than five

and returned it 68 yards for a touch-

ing Irish with a 73-yard run just ans) to pick it up because the (Lafay-erans. They haven't really played

The 'Hounds answered with a obviously wasn't real concerned," they are as good up front as we've High School.

stepped on the field.

153 yards and two touchdowns on sack

minutes left in the first quarter.

senior running backs John Farmer second week in a row, this time on a 7.5 tackles.

"Well, you know that's kind of eight carries, while Farmer contrib-

what we do," Maryville coach Chris uted 118 yards and a touchdown on

by a 12-yard pass from senior quarant and said he (Farmer) is going to

Led by the razor-sharp attack of on his first carry of the game for the also led all Maryville defenders with should attempt to slow the tempo

Farmer also picked up a punt scored its opponents 48-12.

From there, Lafavette senior down before the 'Hounds offense team we will have played this year," stay focused and just get ready

four and a half minute drive capped Holt said. "I looked at him though seen all year."

prepare for him."

terback loe Jasinski to senior tight pick this thing up and run with it. ing their brains trying to augment

Quarterback loe lasinksi fin-

straight week. Mattson also scored for 63 yards and a touchdown. He hard-nosed running backs. They

son recorded 1.5 sacks and senior

a Benton team that has already

equaled its 2007 win total and out-

ette) kid was coming down and anybody that's thrown the ball, but kickoff at 7 p.m. Friday at Maryville

Mattson finished the game with linebacker Zach Sherry also had a avoid all the distractions and festivi-

This week the 'Hounds welcome

end Adam Thompson to start the Farmer's amazing. Teams better their attack to counter the Cardinals

### 'Hounds hope to stay hot

Brian Bosiljevac University Sports Editor

The Maryville volleyball team hopes to continue their success in their first conference match-up against LeBlond,

"We are going to work on a lot of blocking and a lot of covering," coach Lori Klaus said. "We know that they are probably going to have a big block. That is where we need the most focus, because I think that our girls get timid when there is a big block up there, and we just need

to learn to hit around it." The Spoofhounds have found success early on this season, extending their

record to 7-1 with Tuesday's win over Klaus said the 'Hound's strength has come from their consistent play from

The 'Hounds are also coming off a second place finish in the Fairfax Tournament last weekend

off of the court.

The 'Hounds will take the court next at 5 p.m. tonight, at home. They will then be hosting the 'Hounds Invite starting at Although Klaus looks to no one 8 a.m. Saturday.

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The coaching staff has been rack-

Offensively, the Cardinals run

of the game and grind the 'Hounds

The players must also try to

"It'll be like a regular week,"

The 'Hounds and Cardinals

player as a star, it is junior Libbey How-

ell who she thinks has been the most

consistent. Howell led the 'Hounds in

two categories Tuesday night, bringing

"I have really been getting a lot of

good passes," Howell said. "She (setter

Sam McGinness) has really been mak-

ing it easy for me by giving me a lot of

McGinness tallied 21 assists, nine

McGinness and Howell agree the

key to their success this season is the

friendship the team shares both on and

in seven kills and 14 digs.

chances to get a good hit.'

digs, and one ace against Tarkio

Jasinski said. "You know there will

be a few distractions here and there

ties that come along with Homecom-

defensive schemes Holt said.

ished the game five of seven passing an option attack with a pair of

"They will be the best defensive but I think for the most part we'll

Holt said. "They are really big up for the game ... and make sure we

Junior linebacker Evan John- defense down, Holt said.

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## Athletes of the Week

## LaRon Council



Northwest running back LaRon Council led the Bearcal rushing attack with 117 yards on 22 carries and three touchdowns, Council was named the starting running back this season as a replacement to Xavier Omon. He spent the last two seasons battling injury, but remains healthy so far this season.

## **Andrea Tritz**



Forward Andrea Tritz is now a large part of the Bearcat soccer team's offense. Tritz scored a goal in Sunday's game against Wayne State and two goals against Northeastern State Friday. Tritz has scored in all four of the 'Cats' game this season and leads the team with five.

## John **Farmer**



118 yards Friday agianst Lafayette. That equals a 14.8 yards per carry average. Farmer also added a touchdown during the 42-7 rout of the Irish. Farmer also collected 2.5

# Megan Walker



Pitcher Megan Walker achieved one of the greatest accomplishments in softball this week — a no-hitter. Last Thursday, Walker no-hit Lafayeete and was only an error away from a perfect game. Walker is the team's ace, but came on in relief to secure the game Tuesday against Savannah.

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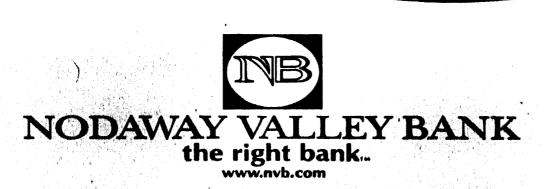
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## Top-5 reasons to attend Maryville's homecoming game

I had never been to a Maryville football game until two weeks ago, but I must admit, attending a Spoofhound football game is a unique experience, even for someone not from Maryville.

That said, here are the reasons why you should attend the ing football game this

Maryville Homecom- Christopher Woodland Friday

teams in the state. Their offense keeps you at the edge of your seat

about every play. games. Only Lawson has beaten the good 'ole days.

Spoofhounds during that stretch, and both times it was an eight was the only team to come within two touchdowns of even forcing overtime against the eventual state cham-

Some might say 'ya but they are just a class two team.' They took down class four Hick-

man Mills from the 1.) The 'Hounds football Kansas City area a couple weeks ago and had the game in hand by the This team is one of the best—time the fourth quarter began.

2.) It is homecoming. Homecoming brings commuwith a possibility of scoring on just nities together like nothing else. Former students come back to see They are 14-2 over their last 16 their friends reminisce about the

ates an atmosphere unlike most oth- Lafayette fans. With Homecoming without the trick-or-treating.

assembly, I saw 'Hounds quarterback Joe Jasinski stand in front of do? the student body dressed as Cupid. homecoming.

3.) The game itself. Take reason No. 1, add it to reason No. 2, throw in a quality opponent and you have the mak-

ings of a great night. Last year St. Joseph Benton played the 'Hounds to a 33-26 final score. Benton comes in 2-0 this year and undoubtedly looking for watching a great game while the

ball team like no other. Last week go to the game, please reread reaat St. Joseph Lafayette, I estimate sons one through five.

Homecoming spirit week cre- the Maryville fans outnumbered the ers. It's like a week-long Halloween this week I expect students, alumni, family members and others from At Monday's homecoming around town to pack the stands. 5.) What else do you have to

The game starts at 7 p.m. and There's something special about will probably end just after nine. You can still go out after the game and it's not like there's anything good on TV unless you're a boxing fan. Kansas and USF are on ESPN2, but both are probably one-year

> I will cover the game from the sideline as I will every Spoofhound game this year and anticipate stands overflow with support and spirit. If you have read this far and

### WHAT TO WATCH

Marc's TV picks

•Georgia Tech at Virginia Tech, ABC, 2:30 p.m. — Option football's back baby. It doesn't get anymore exciting than old-time option and

now it's a rivalry to see who finishes last in the AFC West.

Michigan at Notre Dame, NBC, 2:30 p.m. — Which storied program will suck more this week. My guess Notre Dame ... but it's really

•Old School, TNT, 5 p.m. — Probably one of the funniest movies out there. Will Farrel and Vince Vaughn team up for a movie full of

Woody's TV picks

•Ohio State vs USC, ABC, 7 p.m.— If Ohio State plays like they did

• Steelers vs Browns, NBC, 7:15 p.m. — If the Browns play in this game like they did against Dallas, Brady Quinn might see reps before

**Dustin's TV picks** 

•Georgia at South Carolina, CBS, 3:30 p.m. — This will be the first chance I will get to see Quarterback Matt Stafford in action.

•New England at New Jork Jets, CBS, 3:15 — I'm looking forward to The most celebrated graphic seeing Brett Favre vs. Matt Cassell. novel of all time, "Watchmen" follows a group of superheroes in an unsure time of nuclear war with the Soviet Union. With a movie

### SPORTS STAFF GAME PICKS Brian "The Bulldog's" picks

#### Marc's picks Prediction record (3-5) NCAA Lock

Georgia at S. Carolina — Ga. The Bulldogs have too much talent. They'll take the Gamecocks

#### **NCAA Upset** Kansas at S. Florida - Kansas Hawaii at Oregon St. — Hawaii This doesn't seem right. Kansas

is a 3 1/2 point underdog to South Florida? NFL Lock Buffalo at Jacksonville - Jack.

The Jags won't let what hap-

pened last week happen again,

and the Bills fooled everyone into

#### believing they can play.

for his team.

**NFL Upset** Baltimore at Houston - Balt. The Ravens looked their 2001 Superbowl team last week. I don't know if Matt Schaub will stay in the game long enough to win it

Park in lois A.B. (3, and D)

Location after Payillon at Arroxytean

#### Prediction record (4-4) NCAA Lock

Kansas at So. Florida — S. Florida Unfortunately Marc, I have to disagree with you. The spread seems about right.

#### **NCAA Upset**

Hawaii QB, Tyler Graunke, threw for 318 yards and three touchdowns, in the second half alone.

Indianapolis at Minnesota — Indy

Pevton Manning was definetly a little

rusty in his 2008 season debut but he

Philadelphia at Dallas — Philly My Eagles looked awesome in week one. McNabb and DeSean Jackson will tear up Dallas' secondary. Add Marion Barber's injury, and it looks like a good day for in Philly.

### NFL Lock

**NCAA Upset** 

Woody's picks

NCAA Lock

Prediction record (3-5)

Oregon at Purdue - Oregon

than seven yards per carry.

UCLA at BYU — UCLA

Oregon racked up a school record

688 yards last week, and they have

two runningbacks averaging more

UCLA's quarterback proved h can

play at a high level. BYU's longest

win streak in the nation ends this

New England at Jets — Pats

Matt Cassell has to have learned is a too good of a quaterback to make something in the last four years the mistake two weeks in a row. behind Tom Brady. It's like having Hugh Hefner teach you about women for four years.

NFL Upset San Diego at Denver — Broncos Jay Cutler torched a talented Raiders secondary, look out Chargers.

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#### Dustin's picks Prediction record (6-2) NCAA Lock

Rice at Vandy — Vandy Rice has been my pick every week, and they haven't let me down. Except this week I am picking against

#### NCAA Upset Ohio at Central Michigan — OH After Ohio State's scare from Ohio

last week, Ohio should win this NFL Lock New England at NY — Jets

Brady's out for the season and with

Brett Favre on the other sideline, I'm

#### saying J-E-T-S, Jets, Jets, Jets. **NFL Upset**

Chicago at Carolina — Chicago Last week, the Bears looked like the Bears from the '05 season when they made it to the Super Bowl. The Panthers needed a miracle pass from Jake Delhomme to steal a win.

# AT YOUR LEISURE

you this week with a warning.

but you know what? I don't care. This

is too grave a situation to worry about

I'm talking about the day you

sit down at your computer, open the

Internet to make your daily cyber

each of your 500,000 applications has

That's right; welcome to the new

a petty case of plagiarism.

And then, WHOOSH!

### Your Man gets Web panic picks of Ladies and gentlemen, I come to around the site the week

Your Man is here to sound the names, ads ambush alarm about a fast-approaching day you on every page Brian Johnson that will surely live in infamy. Yes, I and it seems the

New on DVD: "The Big Lebowski" 10-Year Anniversary Edition- The Coen brothers' finest comedic moment is this cult favorite. A great hybrid of a heist movie and a smart comedy with great performances from Jeff Bridges ("Seabiscuit"), John Goodman ("Roseanne") and Steve Buscemi

Top 4

Entertainment Reporter

("Reservoir Dogs"). Coming to theaters: "Burn After Reading"- Another installment from the Coen brothers starring George Clooney ("Ocean's 11") and Brad Pitt ("Fight Club") The movie follows a couple of gym

fans of Clooney's and Pitt's as

Song to check out: "The Day

That Never Comes" by Metallica.

The greatest heavy metal band

in the world is back for the first

time in five years with this killer

new single from their upcoming

album, "Death Magnetic." The

band has gone back to their "Black

Album" roots with stellar guitar

solos from Kirk Hammett and the

always gritty vocals of frontman

Worth a read: "Watchmen"-

adaptation coming in March, this

should be a hit for both comic

book fans and epic movie lovers.

James Hetfield.

well as regular movie-goers.

This film

should

be very

entertain

ing for

It seems Marky Mark Zuckerberg ^into possession of a disk of college students foaming at the containmouth with every new friend and ing CIA bumper sticker request. secrets So they decided to switch it up.

its own damn tab.

Well, the correct verb begins with an "f" and would probably signal the end this publication if it ran. Facebook is getting a makeover, and the new design resembles some-

thing I don't think even Joan Rivers' plastic surgeon could come up with. Mutated elements from the old Facebook." design appear awkwardly scattered

just lifted Franklin Roosevelt's words, profiles contain more boxes than a redneck furniture What's ironic though, is the significant expansion

Sections have new

rounds, minding your own business. of the news and Suddenly, you're sucked into an case you're new to unfamiliar, confusing world: A world Facebook (where where nothing is what it used to be; the hell have you been the last four a world where reason herself is hung years?), you should know that this with a virtual noose; a world where

site's track record of implementing change hasn't exactly received standing ovations.

Perhaps the biggest user hissy fit came after the site created the feeds, chronological lists of what and the Funky Facebook Bunch have your friends are up to while logged nothing to do. Life apparently gets in. Despite privacy options, people pretty boring when you have legions still got a wee bit freaked out at the thought of Aunt Louise learning about your new membership to the "I Would Totally Have Sex in the

Library" group. though. Right now, you can try it out the new site with the option to retreat in horror back to the original. But last week Zuckerberg, et al. posted an

"New Facebook will soon be the only George Orwell is "lol" in his grave

ominous bulletin on the home page:

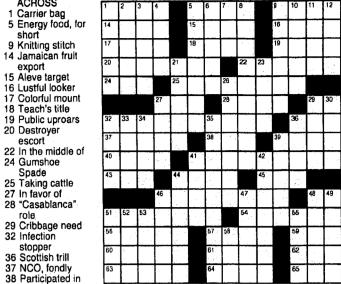
The good news in all of this is that if you happened to be on the lookout for a reason to delete your Facebook account, well, you've just struck gold.

You see, for Your Man, Facebook is something of a vice. If I don't log in at least 30 times a day, I feel I've somehow failed as a proper participant in 21st century society.

But it's not true. I'm better than the new Facebook,

So let's take a stand against this madness; leave the mind games behind and reclaim a small crumb of your independence. In other words, get out now before it eats what's left

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The North-



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There is somewhat of a political overtone

which features Nas. You can probably guess

in the election process once again.

his views, and it is great to see artists involved

I have been a fan of Jeezy since hearing

some of his independently released music

in 2001. He is a great artist who consistently

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"Havana" 53 Tibetan monk

## Rapper Jeezy brings in big-name guests for new, political album 'Recession'

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By Jesse Murphy

Missourian Reporter

I assume that all of you, like me, have a craving for fresh, new music. Well, here is

Jenkins is better known by the name Young

for thugs." Though it does have that slow part, as did Jay-Z on a bonus track remix of southern style some call "trap music," it's not just an album for thugs. It's for everyone

and seems easy to relate to, at least for our producers, Midnight Black, who worked generation. Although I can't speak for all, not for the group UGK, and Drumma Boy, who in a few of the songs, like in "My President" everyone likes the genre. You may have heard the single released

in July, "Put It On." It features Kanye West, who uses a vocoder in his verse. A vocoder is a device that turns human voice into digital Atlanta rapper Jay Jenkins released a form, then re-synthesizes it into words. Anynew album last week called "The Recession." one remember Snoop Dogg's "Sensual Seduction?" Yeah, it's one of those things.

The album features many guest appearances. Trey Songz, West and Nas all took

The album also has a bunch of different and Lil' Wayne and other soon-to-be-greats.

hear the contrast.

Back to my point, hip-hop is very much

produced songs for T.I., Paul Wall and Rick

rap, especially when it comes to an artist who is

usually known for club music. Because that's

there are songs for the club. This, in my opin-

ion is necessary to sell albums, but it's great to

really only fun to listen to in a club, face it.

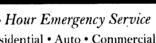
I'm skeptical when it comes to new-age

Jeezy once again proves himself, though

puts out quality rap, despite drama and con-"The Recession" is an album that can be

listened to over and over, all the way through. That's hard to find these days. All in all, it's alive once again, with recent albums from Nas a great album, and if you're into it, give it a

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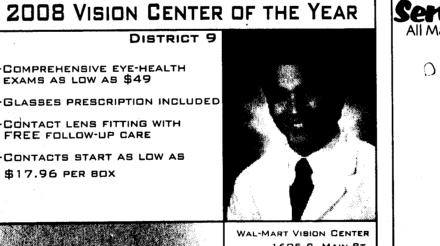
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Cindy McCain

44 years old
Grew up on the south side of Chi-

- Father, Fraser, worked as a pump operator for the Chillian
  - Mother, Marian, was stayed at home to raise Michelle and older brother, Craig.
    - She attended
      Princeton, where
      she studied sociology and African
      American studies.
    - , Attenda Ranyard≥ La. School
  - o Michelle is the founding director of the Chicago chapter of Public Allies, a program that prepares young people for public service.

Michelle met
Barack while working
at the Sidley and Austin
law firm in Chicago.

- The marriage, which took place on Oct. 18, 1992, was the first marriage for
- The Obamas have two daughters, Malia, 10, and Sasha, 7.
- of Chicago since 1996. She began as associate dean of student services and later became the ice president of community and external affairs for the University of Chicago Medical Center.
- On June 3, 2008 after claiming the democratic nomination in St. Paul, Man, Barack and Michelle exposed the mannous fist bump to America. Since, the act has been called a "terrorist fist

cole belief that the orld as it is just won't that we have an ation to fight world as it through my jour ney and Barack's journey and so many other improbable journeys that have brought us here tonight, where the current of history meets this new tide

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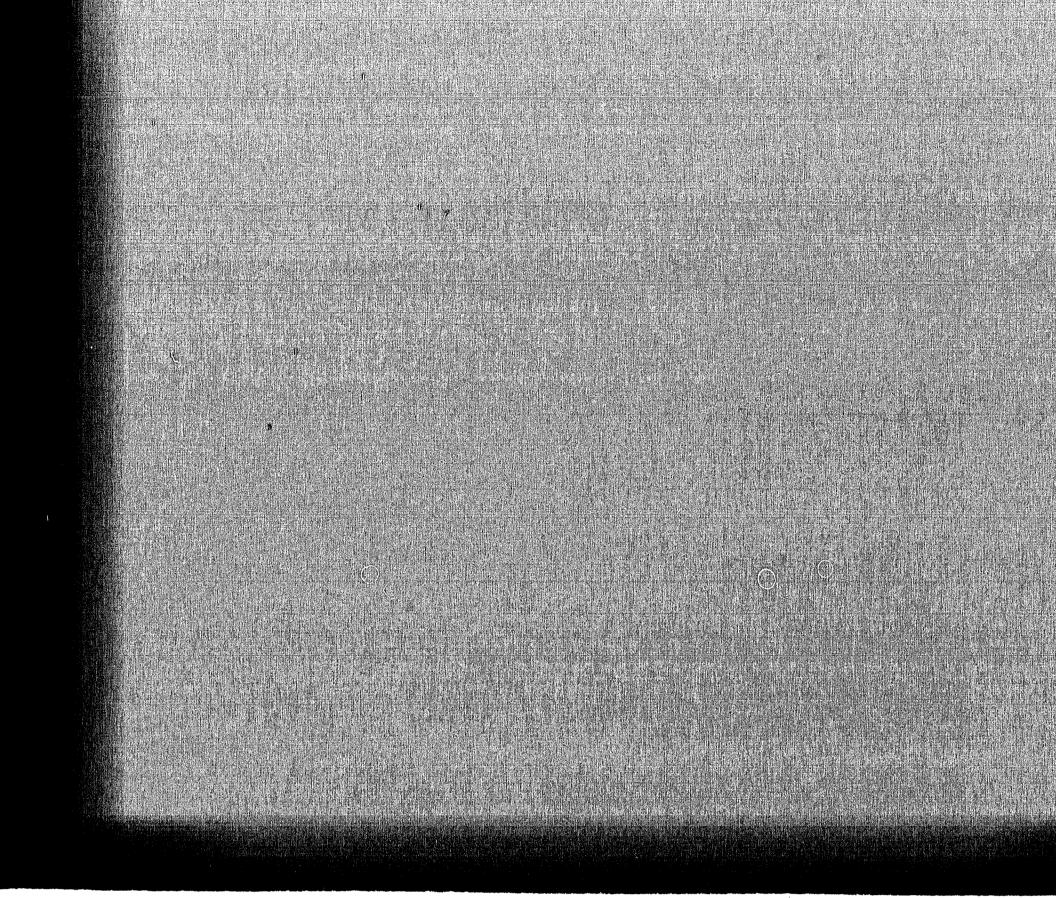
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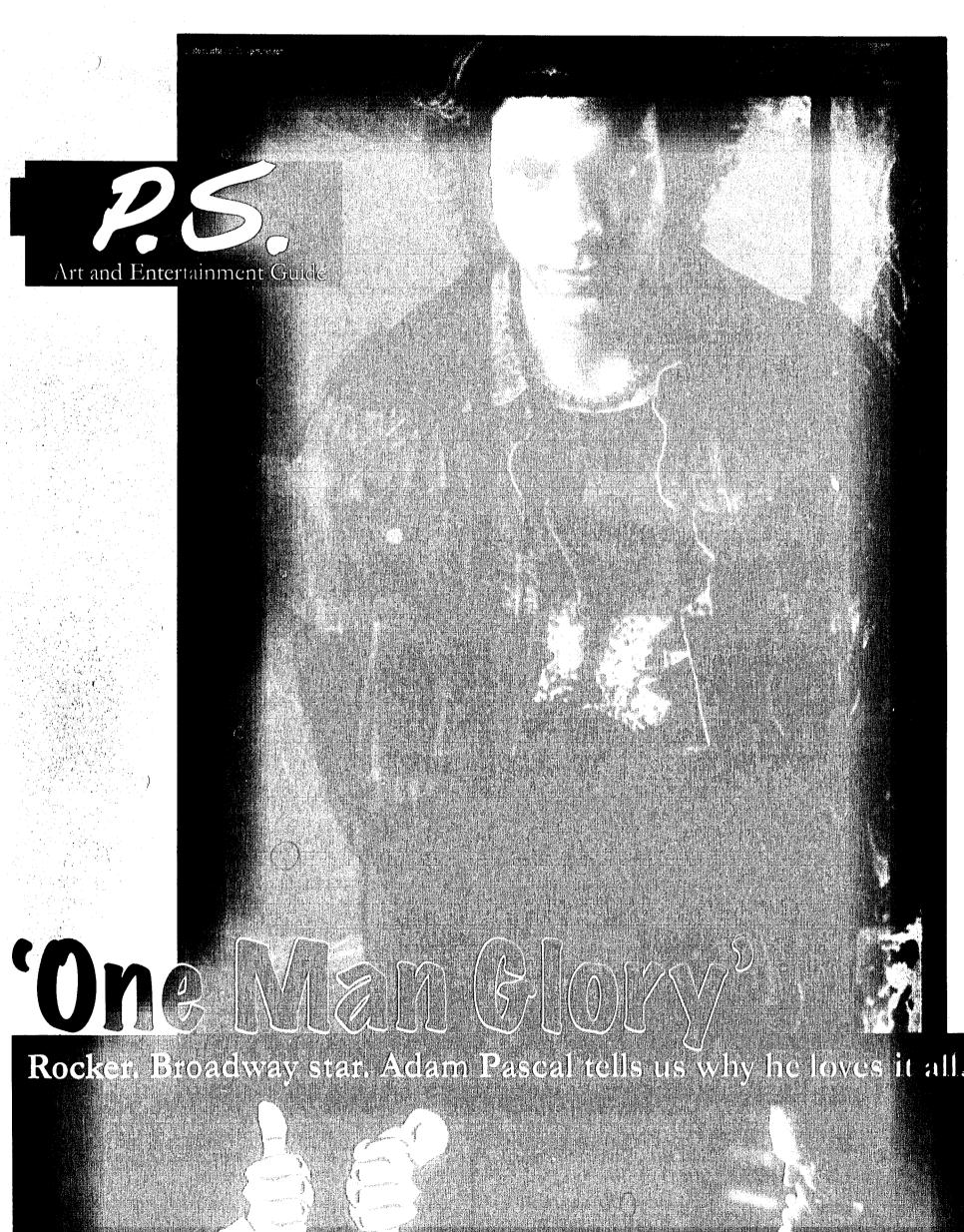
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- Cindy is the only child of James and Marguerite Hensely.
- She received an undergraduate degree in education and a Master's degree in special education from the Conversity of Southern California.
- Cindy founded and ran the American Voluntary Medical Team (AVMT) from 1988-1995. In those seven years, she led 55 medical missions to third world countries and war-stricker areas.
- She is the chairman for her family's business, Hensley and Company, which is one of the largest Anheuser-Busch distributors in the country.
- Cindy and John met while she was on vacation with her parents in Hawaii in 1979.
  when married on May 17, 1980. When clied for their marriage license,
  treather her had lied to one another above age, John making himself
  you say, and Cindy making herself
- John in three children from his first marriage to Carol Shepp Doug, 48, Andrew, 46 and Sidney, 41. After marrying Cindy, the couple had three children in Cindy, the couple had three children in their own Meghan, 22; Jimmy, 20 and Jack, 22. In 1993, the couple adopted a little girl from Bangladesh, Bridget, now 17.
- Cindy serves on the Board of Directors for Operation Smile, a non-profit organization which provides reconstructive surgeries to children with facial deformities.
- "Each day, after the hands packed up, the speeches were done, and the camera lights darkened. I always came back to how blessed and honored I was to be part of our national conversation. And in these times, when so examy of our fellow Americans face abtitions situations, what I saw moved the deepty. Families worried about losing their homes. Towns deserted by industries once at their center. Mothers with no choice but to send their children to unsafe and underperforming schools.
- But I have also seen the resite ience of the American people. Type beard surring stories of heighbor helping neighbor, of cines on one end of the country different help to fellow citizens on the other Despue our chalderipes our hearrs are still alive with hope and belief in our individual ability to make things right if only the federal government would get itself under control and out of our way. So tönight is also about... renewing our comm ment to one another. Because this campaign is not about us. It's about our tional contry." Cindy McCain, 2008 Repulican National Conven-





#### in this issue

shawn jones and sophia westermayer answer the burning questions everyone is curious about - the election, pop princesses and text messaging.

now entering the cage maryville resident raymond upshaw lets us in on his journey of preparing for his very first mixed martial arts fight. pg. 3

one man glory we chatted with broadway star adam pascal about life after "rent," his latest project with partner larry edoff and everything in between. pg. 4-5

# Thumbs Up Thumbs Down



Olympic hottie Michael Phelps hosting "Saturday Night Live" this week

■Broadway star Adam Pascal performing at Northwest

■A milestone presidential election

■The release date of Twilight," a movie said to be the next "Harry Potter," being moved up a month

■Jessica Simpson trying to be a country singer

■The new Facebook

■Mud-slinging political ads Cold weather rushing in to Marvville way faster than it's welcome.

■Britney Spears not performing on the VMAs



# he she said



## Shawn Jones and Sophia Westermayer

Which presidential candidate are you leaning toward?

Shawn: "I'm leaning toward McCain because I'm from a military family.

Sophia: "McCain because we both have

How many texts do you send in a day?

Shawn: "Twenty on average"

Sophia: "Fifteen to 20"

How do you feel about Jessica Simpson coming out with a country album?

Shawn: "I don't really care. I don't listen

Sophia: "She can definitely pull off the daisy dukes, and she's got a great voice, so I'll give her a chance.

What is the most important political issue to you right now?

Shawn: "The economy because it's down right now."

Sophia: "Money for school"

If you were stuck on an island and could only hear one song, what would it be?

Shawn: "Freebird," by Lynard

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JUST a part of Upshaw's training in preparation for his first mixed martial arts fight.



UPSHAW REMINISCES ON his past street fights, as well as discusses his plans for his mixed martial arts

Entertainment Reporter

A deafening sound of grunts as fists hit a hard boxing pad can be heard throughout Looks Gym in downtown Maryville.

It's very fitting that the T-shirt Raymond Upshaw is wearing during this workout is of the comic book hero, "The Punisher." Punishment is what Upshaw hopes to unload on his opponent Friday in his first mixed martial arts fight.

"As far as this fight goes," Upshaw says with a tiny smirk across his face. "I'm fearless."

Upshaw is entering the often-misunderstood world of mixed martial arts. A full contact sport that was once called "human cockfighting" by Sen. John McCain in 1993, has since

Upshaw, who stands 6 feet 4 inches and will be fighting at 190 pounds claims over 100 street fights to his name. He will be stepping into the cage in a professional setting Sunday at the Maryville Community Center on Sept. 14 against 5'6" Justin

The Maryville native who works at Kawasaki, says he's been training very hard despite doubt coming from all sides on how well he will

"Nobody gave me a chance when I decided to do this," Upshaw said. "But now they see the hard work I've put into it, and people are starting to believe I can win."

Upshaw claims that there is

plenty of hard work that is needed in this sport. He trains two to four hours a day, five to six days a week. His workouts consist of weights, cardio, speed drills, boxing skills, and ground game as well as one of the most popular martial arts forms,

"I do have a better ground game than my opponent," Upshaw said. "But I do want to knock him out."

\*Upshaw claims his first experience in competition was street fightng. He claims his hero is Kimbo Slice, a former street fighter turned professional mixed martial artist. He says that he did not start all of his fights but then with a chuckle claims that he did start a good percentage of them.

Upshaw also has had experiences fighting with his older brother growing up. In fact, Upshaw has had a tooth knocked out while brawling

"Basically my brother knocked my tooth out with his prosthetic leg." Upshaw says with a laugh. "It's been replaced with a filling now."

Upshaw prides himself on being a fighter despite the sport being looked down upon by many! Fighting is one of the oldest forms of sport dating back to the earliest days of the Olympics. However, Upshaw still seems to think the sport is looked down upon by most of society. He does find it humorous that the sport is seen as such a blood sport when in his opinion, it isn't.

"It's not like you're going out there to kill a guy," Upshaw said with

a laugh. "It's about gaining respect and proving yourself."

Upshaw is also quick to point out that he is not doing this for fame. "It's a lot more than just getting

fans," Upshaw said. "You get respect from others and most importantly nining self-respect."

Despite Upshaw's claim to have been in over 100 street fights, he says he's very religious. He attends bible study every week and considers himself a Christian. He realizes that some may see that as a dichotomy of being religious but also wanting to fight people for an activity and also

"As far as my religion goes, it's a ersonal thing," Upshaw said. "Like 've said, I'm out there to prove myself and to not hurt the guy."

This is just the start of Upshaw's career and he believes he has nothing but time and potential on his side in these early stages. He has high hopes for where his career will go.

Upshaw wants to eventually move out of Maryville and go to Brazil to study liu-litsu. He thinks that the most important lessons to learn from mixed martial arts are outside of the United States, because mixed martial arts' roots are deeply laid in Brazil and other countries besides the United States.

"Right now, I'm just looking to get my name out there," Upshaw says with a serious expression that then changes to a smirk. "But I do have dreams of reaching the big leagues

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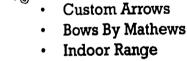
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# Adam Pascal: One Man Glory

## Broadway star talks about new album, "RENT" and life as a rock star

By Sydney Moore Features Editor

His powerful, rock-esque voice filled the Broadway stages and the silver screen for years, but tonight at 7:30, the small stage of the Performing Arts Center will host Adam Pascal ("RENT," "Aida") as the year's first Encore performance.

Pascal, who is best known for his role as Roger in the musialbum, "Blinding Light," with songwriter Larry Edoff, along with a few rearranged Broadway tunes.

With Pascal's edgy voice and Edoff's musicianship, the

two years as a duo, playing bass and piano," Pascal said. "We played a combination of material from my two solo records, plus a few rearranged Broadway songs."

After the two worked together for a while, they decided it was time to take their project to the next level.

"On an artistic level we just totally clicked as a writing team," he said. "So we just had all these songs and decided it seemed like the right thing and right time to make a record of this stuff. It all kind of came out of the organic process of

playing together for a couple of years."

As a songwriter, Pascal has a unique process for writing

"I never write lyrics first," he said. "I write the music, then the melody and the lyrics tend to come from the emotion that the mood of the song."

Pascal, who made his theatrical debut as Roger in the cal turned movie, "RENT," will perform tracks from his new Broadway production of "RENT," credits maturity and experience to the evolution of his talent since he released his first album, "Model Prisoner" in 2002.

"I've become a much better musician since that record,". two decided it was time to collaborate for their first album he said. "My performance, as well as my writing, has grown simply out of that fact. As you get better at your instrument, "Larry and I had been touring around and playing for your toolbox just starts to fill more and more. Your options of what you're able to use increases and you can start getting more interesting with your ideas because you are able

Pascal's role in "RENT" is the one that he credits for launching his career. Starting as an off-Broadway production at the New York Theatre Workshop in 1994, Pascal and the rest of the cast had no idea what would become of the hit musical.

"The first night was really weird, we were all meeting each

other for the first time and everyone in a way was in shock," he said. "We didn't know what were getting in to, but it was an exciting project and there were exciting prospects for it."

After a 12-year run on Broadway, the show that Pascal helped make famous, had its final performance Sunday, Sept. the melody is producing. I create a story or scenario that fits 7. Although it's the end of Broadway's seventh longest running show, Pascal knows that it's not the end.

"It's just the end of that chapter, its definitely not the end of "RENT," I know not in my life anyway," he said. "It will always be a part of my life.

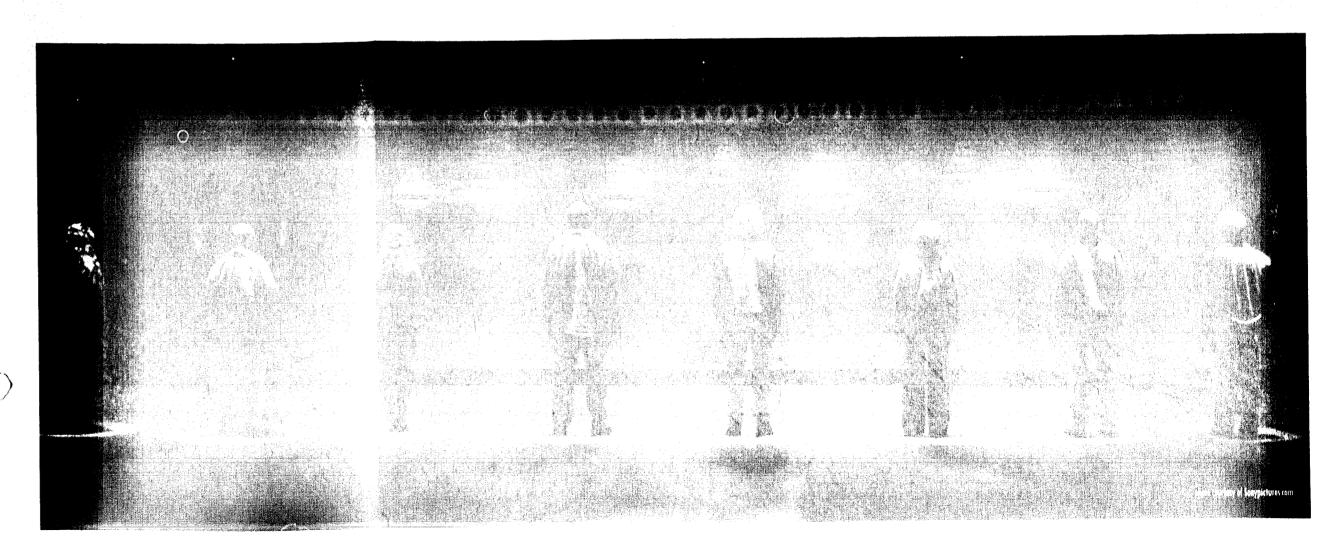
"It was really an incredible experience, and I'm so proud that it lasted as long as it did, it's an incredible accomplish-

With a long list of accomplishments behind him, Pascal says he has known his entire life that his niche was in per-

"I honestly can't do anything else," he said, laughing. "I know that I was born with this talent and this voice, and it's what I'm supposed to be doing. And its just like, the older I get, the better I get and the more I enjoy it."

Listen to audio from our interview with Adam at

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## **Top 5 Movie Villains**

#### **Hannibal Lector**

Just the name sends shivers up movie-goer's spines. Few performances if any captured what Anthony Hopkins delivered in the classic "Silence of the Lambs" as Hannibal "The Cannibal" Lector. There is no other villain who comes close to this, because he is the complete antithesis of a villain. He's ruthless, remorseless and violent all the while still having a strange calmness in his demeanor as if he believes what he is doing is right. Absolutely one of the best characters, villains and performances in the history of movies.

Take whichever performance you like, either Heath Ledger's or Jack Nicholson's, but there is no doubt this character is the most visually terrifying character in the history of cinema. The widely accepted fear of clowns is justified in Batman's archenemy with a mix of black comedy, violence and a relentless persona. He is a masterpiece of a character while at the same time making it very difficult to even look at him.

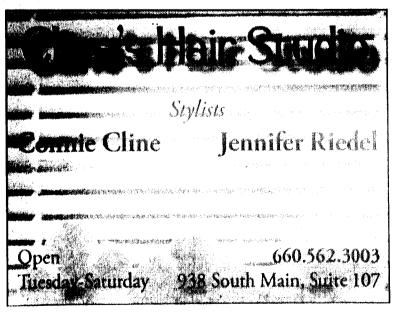
#### **Anton Chigurh**

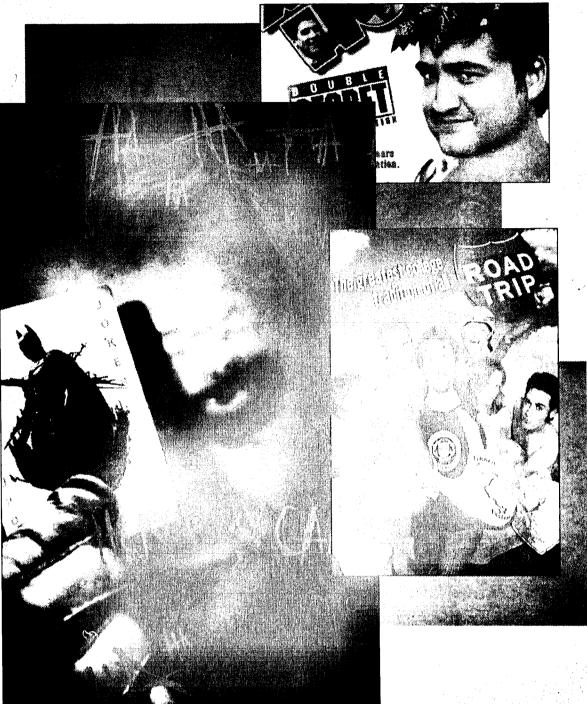
Javier Bardem's portrayal of Anton Chigurh in "No Country for Old Men" may be one of the most misunderstood and deeply disturbing villains in movie history. It's because of this so many people are attracted to the character and Bardem's performance. A killer with no remorse, feelings and hesitation who has his own means of justice made this one of the more quietly disturbing characters in recent movies.

Fear of technology could be drawn from this character of "2001: A Space Odyssey" fame. Hal 9000's quiet delivery of his dialogue may be one of the most terrifying sounds in movies. What made him so especially scary, was that he was a robot completely incapable of emotion and of conscience while

#### Wicked Witch of the West

What child didn't cry and hide in their mother's arms when they saw Margaret Hamilton's portrayal of this "Wizard of Oz" villain? Possibly the very first mainstream villain in movies is also one of the most prominent. This was the starting point for a lot of film antagonists to come. Disgustingly terrifying is the best way to describe the Wicked Witch who provided the subjects of nightmares for children for years.





## TOP 5 College Comedies

**Brian Johnson** Entertainment Reporter

#### "Animal House"

This film is to college moves what "The Godfather" is to gangster movies. Who would rave thought that a simple movie about a drumken traternity would stand the test of time so well? We can owe that to the timeless. never replicated, "Animal House"

What college student doesn't own this? It is a story about a bunch of middle-aged guys with dead end jobs starting their own fraternity.

with comedic genius Will Ferrell taking the spotlight in possibly his funniest role. From streaking, to beer bongs to flaming mascots, there's not one boring part in this

The great Rodney Dangerfield was never funnier than in this fish performance of one of the best - out of water story about an aging consections to ever walk among us, millionaire returning to college John Belushi, Often imitated but with his son, Dangerfield's classic. comedic mind was on full display mind behind "Old School." "Road is simply the greatest college movie along with great cameos from late. Trip" is very self-explanatory: a

"Van Wilder"

greatest college slacker in the history of college movies. His portrayal of Van Wilder, a man who has been in college for seven years and no plans of getting out anytime soon. Another movie with not a dull moment and a great cameo from Paul Gleason of "Breakfast

#### "Road Trip"

From the creatively funny mind of Todd Phillips, the same mastergreat comedian Sam Kinison and bunch of college kids on a road a young Robert Downey Jr. ("Iron trip and all the shenanigans they Man") This film has a secure place—get into. Tom Green is definitely in top comedies of the '80s and in at his best with his unique crazy the top college movies ever made. humor along with a great comedic performance from Sean William Scott of "American Pie" infamy.



"The Phantom of the Opera"

Sounds of the cinema

Being the nerd I am, I love musicals. I love the singing and dancing, the lights and sets and everything in between.

The obsession with musicals started my junior year of high school. I had heard a lot of hype about the upcoming movie, "RENT," and I was really looking forward to seeing it when it came to my hometown theater. I saw the movie on opening night and immediately fell in love.

I quickly bought the soundtrack, read any info I could possibly find about the play and cast, and suddenly became a self-proclaimed "Renthead." I couldn't tell you to this day how many times I have watched the movie, rocked out to the soundtrack in my car and dreamt I was Mimi.

After a few months of driving my friends and family crazy with "RENT" knowledge, my uncle took it upon himself to give me the best birthday gift ever

- a trip to New York to see "RENT" in it's original form on Broadway.

After seeing the stage performance, I was even more intrigued by the characters and story line than ever before. This led me to think about something else.

By turning popular Broadway shows into movies, the industry is trying to reach out to a different audience. I'm guilty of being that audience. Had "RENT" never come out on the silver screen, I would have probably never been introduced to the wonderful world of Angel and Collins' love, Mark, Maureen and Joanne's interesting relationship or Roger and Mimi's rocky relationship.



I also would have also never witnessed the gang dancing on tables while singing "La Vie Boheme," or Angel's impressive dance moves in heels so high that I still haven't figured out how Wilson Heredia didn't hurt himself over the years.

I think it's great that more and more musicals are being turned into movies to target new audiences. Shows like "RENT" and "Phantom of the Opera" have been on Broadway for years and have been favored by many people, but the movie adaptations reach out to an entirely new

A perfect example also relates to my newfound love for musicals my junior year of high school. Of course I had heard about "Phantom of the Opera" and knew the story behind it, yet I had never experienced it nor did I think I would ever have any desire to. The whole opera thing wasn't really in my taste, but after my choir teacher mentioned that we page do a piece for a concert I slowly started to develop a knack for the songs in the musical. My new love for "Phantom of the Opera" was once again, all thanks to the movie production, which made it possible for me to witness something I probably would have never seen otherwise.

Thanks to the movie musicals, the shows will be around a lot longer than if they were only on Broadway. New fans will hopefully hold their interest in the films and maybe even get a lucky chance, like I did, to see their favorite play live.

To this day, I think my love for musicals and "RENT" in particular s all thanks to the movie production. As sad as it is to see it closing on Broadway after 12 years, I'll always be thankful that I was introduced via film to the wonderful production.





Anna Farris in "The House Bunny

Brian Johnson Entertainment Reporter

My experience with "The House Bunny" was like being on a date with a beautiful girl with no insight or brains. You have fun, but at the end of the night you just feel completely stupid.

This latest comedy geared toward the college-aged demographic provides plenty of laughs, most of the time unintentional, and a fair amount of fun, but script and plot problems are evident from the beginning.

Anna Farris ("Scary Movie") plays an orphaned Playboy Bunny who has been kicked out of the Playboy Mansion and now has to find a new calling. That calling? A house mother for a failing sorority whose members are far from traditionally beautiful, at least intentionally made that way by the filmmakers.

Case in point, Emma Stone ("Superbad") and Kat Dennings ("40 Year-Old Virgin") are both beautiful girls and they were served what I like to call the "She's All That" look where they are made to look like nerds by either giving them ponytails or short hair and glasses. It's not convincing and from the moment you see them onscreen, you're telling yourself "I sense a makeover coming where these girls are all of a sudden extremely hot."

Don't get me wrong, I felt that part of the film would be particularly inspiring to young women who don't see themselves

as beautiful. They definitely see this movie and realize the beauty in themselves can be on the exterior as well. Beyond that, not a whole lot can be taken away from this film.

Farris is an extremely talented comedic actress. Far too talented for this film, in which she has some shining moments, but not even her talent can save it. It's a fun film to be taken very lightly and it will be enjoyable to the some members of the female college crowd and even to some of the regular college crowd. It's "Legally Blonde" meets "Animal House" as far as premises go, but without the comedic timing and awesome scripts.

Stone really did shine in this film with her unique awkward comedic approach paired with an impeccable beauty in her self-deprecating role as the head of the sorority. She has a great future ahead of her. I particularly enjoyed her scenes the most and they really made me fall in love with her character.

There were times where I found myself laughing at inappropriate times and in inappropriate contexts. I'm getting particularly sick of penis jokes being used as a cheap laugh instead of innovative comedy being used, and no, innovative comedy does not include women falling over all the time. Just tune into "Desperate Housewives" for that crap. So yes, I did find myself laughing at said scenes, but just out of irony at their pathetic attempts for comedy.

"House Bunny" is obviously no "Breakfast at Tiffany's" and has no intention of being, but I don't even think it qualifies as being on the same par as "Legally Blonde." It's fun and touching, and provides a great time for the college aged, but it just has too many problems that can't be solved. For one to expect a lot from this film would be a dumb move anyway. Perhaps the filmmakers should've spent more time at film class and a little less time at the sorority houses looking to score.



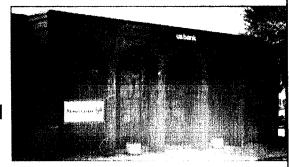


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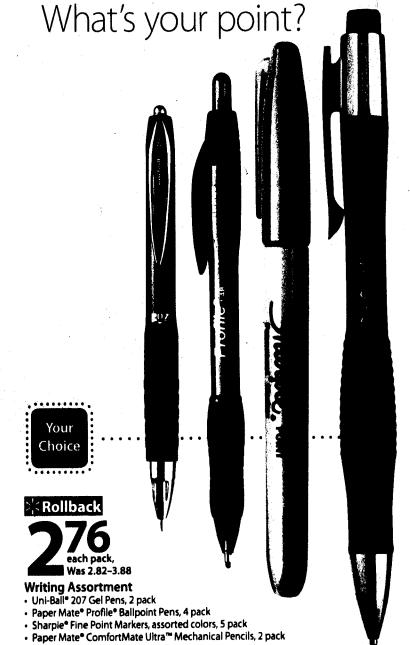
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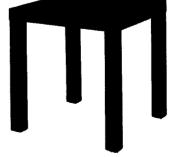
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